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FROM THE DESK OF THE EDITORIAL BOARD

After serious deliberation, the Editorial Committee has decided on reminding you all on some of the traditional practices/procedures, that we as umpires have to follow. It is not that all of us have not been doing, but still there are instances where we have neglected to put this to practice. They are very important and form an essential part of the game.

In this issue, we would like to highlight some of the pre-match and end of the days play in a multi-day game. Confirming the postings is the utmost and the first thing that we as umpires should be following. Being available at the ground on the day of the match along with the fellow umpire and checking of the availability of the rollers, mowers, mobility of the sightscreen, checking all the crease markings along with the wicket and the fitness of the pitch is a must practice for the smooth conduct of the game. It would be better if both the umpires discuss amongst each other, the conditions of the game and also with both the captains before the toss takes place.

At the end of the days play, let us all have some patience to oversee that the covers are drawn and pitch is completely covered, talk to the groundsmen regarding the time of the removal of the covers on the next day, time of mowing which has to be done under the supervision of both the umpires.

Dear fellow umpires, this is just a small beginning to keep reminding ourselves of all those duties that we as professionals, should never forget nor neglect.

SECRETARY SPEAKS

My greetings to all members and a special thanks to the ones who made it to our bi-annual outing which was a success. Those who could not make it, try the next time. I am sure all of us are being provided with good opportunities to officiate in matches and are performing sufficiently well. Performing continuously is the secret to success. Umpires' Day 2012 is fast approaching and is likely to be celebrated in the last week of November 2012. A detailed communication in this regard will be forwarded to all in due course. I request members to participate in large numbers and make our function a grand one. The KSCA has recently held an examination for promotion of umpires to its state panel. It has been held in various zones and a large number of candidates have appeared for the same. I wish all of them - the best. The faculty for the examination were all our members and as such I thank the managing committee of KSCA in posing faith and confidence in us and request their support in future as well. That is all for the time being and await to meet you all during the umpires' day.

Umpires' Educators Programme: KSCA conducted an exam for umpires on 30th Sept. 2012 at various centers inclusive of Bangalore. A two day workshop on 15th and 16th Sept. 2012 was conducted by our members at Bangalore, Mysore, Shivamogga, Tumkur, Mangalore, Hubli, and Raichur. We from ACUK, commend all the Educators for their endeavor.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

July 2012

President Sri S Muralidhara opened the meeting expressing happiness over the success of the 38th AGM, wished all the umpires officiating SAS Tournament.

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The President opened with a satisfactory statement that the KSCA had received accolades from the organizers of Bishop Cotton Cricket Tournament for the umpiring standards. He also requested all the members to kindly read the Playing conditions of the 4th division since there were lot of instances where the umpires were calling up for clarifications.

The Board umpires attended the Seminar conducted by BCCI at Nagpur. A gist of it is carried in this news letter as a separate column for the benefit of our state panel umpires.

Mentors Sri K. Amarnath and Sri K.C. Sekar were asked to give their views regarding the umpires on the umpiring aspect. Both of them had a common view that the umpires were not positioning themselves to give run out decisions and also not moving over to the other side for a left hand right hand combination.

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The President congratulated those members who were chosen as educators and wished them all the best. He said all those umpires who were still reporting late to matches will face stern action from KSCA, and also asked all of them to read the Playing conditions properly.

Secretary talked about the bi-annual outing of ACUK and requested all the members to participate. He also announced about an award received by our President. Vice President announced the Quiz programme scheduled to be conducted all over Karnataka and requested all interested members who wish to work for this project to give their names.

KEY POINTS DISCUSSED IN BCCI SEMINAR 2012

1. BOWLER ATTEMPTING TO RUN OUT THE NON STRIKER BEFORE ENTERING HIS DELIVERY STRIDE

As per law the bowler is rightful in doing so. The following procedure to be followed before giving the non striker out.

- a. First confirm with the fielding side captain whether he is serious about the appeal and then give the batsman out.
- b. If the non striker is regularly leaving his crease early have a silent word with him about the same.

2. TEAMWORK

This point was stressed upon as a lot of decisions and situations in a match require the involvement of both Umpires. A lot of importance will be given to this while assessing an Umpire.

3. REPORTING ANY INCIDENT

It was made very clear that any incident or instances that occur in the match should be reported by the On Field Umpires as it will enable the administration to conduct the match in a proper manner.

4. NOMINATIONS

The Umpires to check the nominations very carefully and also enter the required statistics in the score sheet.

5. PHYSICAL FITNESS

A lot of importance is going to be given to Physical Fitness of the Umpires. This is going to be one of the criteria to assess an Umpire. All Umpires to work on their physical fitness.

6. WIDE BALL

It was clarified that Umpires should be very strict and consistent regarding the call of Wides.

Any ball that goes above the head of the striker and if he fails to make contact should be called a wide. The two wide reference markings are only a guideline. Depending upon the movement of the Striker and his relative position when the ball passes the wicket the Umpire should call a wide.

7. FIELDER OFF THE FIELD AFTER ANY INTERVAL/INTERRUPTION

There was a Query regarding a substitute being on the field after an interval/interruption without the knowledge of the Umpires. The clarification was that the Fielder's penalty for not being on the field will start from the time the Substitute was on the field and the Umpires should strictly warn the Fielding side captain that this type of incident should not happen again and the matter to be reported to the concerned authority.

The Umpires should ask the fielding side captain after any interval/interruption whether any substitutes are on the field in order to avoid any such situations. The Substitute should not be asked to leave the field of play.

8. FIELDER GOING OFF FOR STRAPPING

It was clarified that a fielder can go off the field for strapping but he should come back as early as possible. The Umpires to ensure this. His penalty will apply like any fielder leaving the field for illness/internal injury.

9. UPDATED WITH LAWS AND PLAYING CONDITIONS

All Umpires to be updated with the laws and Playing Conditions at all times as any Umpire can be made to take a reaccreditation test as required by the Administration.

QUESTION & ANSWER

For the benefit of the umpires the 4th and 5th division playing conditions especially the overs calculations have been projected as under: This question was raised by one of the members:

- 1) If the start of a match is delayed or an interruption occurs during the innings of the side batting first, a minimum of 20 overs a side will only constitute a match. As such the match should be started or resumed only if, both sides can be allotted a minimum of 20 overs.(i.e, a minimum of 160 minutes playing time and 10 minutes for interval between innings should be available. This 160 minutes shall include the time already played before the interruption, if any)
- 2) If the **start** of innings of the side batting second is delayed, umpires should order play to resume only if a minimum of 80 minutes playing time is available and a minimum of 20 should be allotted.
- 3) When the innings of the side batting second is **interrupted**, it shall be resumed **ONLY** if a minimum of 80 minutes are available (i.e, total time already played plus the time available for play on resumption after the interruption) in

which case a minimum of 20 overs can be allotted. **If this provision cannot be met, the match shall not be resumed.**

- 4) In both points 2 and 3 above, umpires shall ensure that the target score is re-scheduled in proportion with the run rate of the side batting first. If this re-scheduled target score has already been reached, the batting side stands to win the match even though it has played less than 20 overs at the time of interruption and the result shall be recorded accordingly. This is because the innings of the side batting second is re-scheduled to 20 overs or more and **NOT** to the number of overs it has batted before the interruption.
- 5) It is sometimes possible that the innings of the side batting first ends earlier than the scheduled closing time, which means some playing time has been gained. In this circumstance, if an interruption/s occurs during the innings of the side batting second, overs shall **not be cut** until the amount of time so gained elapses as a result of the interruption/s. To make this point more clear, umpires should remember that **only** if the duration of the interruption/s is more than the time gained, the overs of the side batting second shall be reduced and a revised target score to be set accordingly.

Q. In a two day game one team gets all out at 11.40am. Should lunch be taken immediately or Play to continue?

Ans. Since 20 minutes of game is still left, the game should restart after 10 minutes interval between innings.

Q. Fielder absent for 20 minutes and there is an interruption for 10 minutes, during which the captain of the batting side declares his innings. Can the fielder gone out come in to open the innings?

Ans. If the fielder has informed the umpires about his return to the field during the interruption then that 10 minutes will not be considered as playing time for serving penalty, otherwise he has to serve 10 minutes of penalty.

ACCOLADES

President Sri S. Muralidhara has been awarded the best Media Manager by SWAB for his services during the International Matches held at M. Chinnaswamy Stadium.

DATES TO REMEMBER MONTHLY MEETINGS 2012

October – 10th
November – 14th
December – 12th
Umpires' Day – Nov 2012

GREETINGS

October- 15th Mahalaya Amavasya
22nd Durgashtami
24th Vijaya Dashami
November – 1st Rajyotsava
12th Naraka Chathurdasi
14th Bali Padyami
14th Children's Day
December - 25th Christmas

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